

H.R. 2060, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to adjust the Crooked River boundary, to provide water certainty for the City of Prineville, Oregon, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112-438);

H.R. 2157, to facilitate a land exchange involving certain National Forest System lands in the Inyo National Forest, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112-439);

H.R. 2938, to prohibit certain gaming activities on certain Indian lands in Arizona, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112-440);

H.R. 2947, to provide for the release of the reverent interest held by the United States in certain land conveyed by the United States in 1950 for the establishment of an airport in Cook County, Minnesota (H. Rept. 112-441);

H.R. 3263, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to allow the storage and conveyance of non-project water at the Norman project in Oklahoma, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112-442);

H.R. 3310, to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to consolidate the reporting obligations of the Federal Communications Commission in order to improve congressional oversight and reduce reporting burdens, with an amendment (H. Rept. 112-443); and

H. Res. 614, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4089) to protect and enhance opportunities for recreational hunting, fishing and shooting, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 112-444).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Harris to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 2:10 p.m. and reconvened at 4 p.m.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Raoul Wallenberg Centennial Celebration Act: H.R. 3001, to award a Congressional Gold Medal to Raoul Wallenberg, in recognition of his achievements and heroic actions during the Holocaust, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 377 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 152 and

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Providing for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus: H.R. 4040, to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Jack Nicklaus in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 373 yeas to 4 nays with 1 answering “present”, Roll No. 153.

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Recess: The House recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measures under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed:

Lena Horne Recognition Act: H.R. 1815, to posthumously award a Congressional Gold Medal to Lena Horne in recognition of her achievements and contributions to American culture and the civil rights movement and

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Mark Twain Commemorative Coin Act: H.R. 2453, amended, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of Mark Twain.

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Committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Donald M. Payne—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment on March 14, 2012 of the following Members of the House to the committee to attend the funeral of the late Honorable Donald M. Payne: Representatives Smith (NJ) and Clyburn; The members of the New Jersey delegation: Representatives Pallone, Andrews, Frelinghuysen, LoBiondo, Pascrell, Rothman, Holt, Garrett, Sires, Lance, and Runyan; and Representatives Kaptur, Levin, Towns, Waters, Corrine Brown (FL), Rush, Scott (VA), Watt, Woolsey, Jackson Lee (TX), Jackson (IL), Clay, Butterfield, Cleaver, Al Green (TX), Moore, Clarke (NY), Johnson (GA), Edwards, Fudge, Bass (CA), Sewell, Norton, and Christensen.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1826-27, H1827. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy and Power began a markup of the “Gasoline Regulations Act of 2012” and the “Strategic Energy Production Act of 2012”.

GSA'S CULTURE OF WASTEFUL SPENDING

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Addressing GSA's Culture of Wasteful Spending”. Testimony was heard from the following GSA officials: Brian D. Miller, Inspector General; Martha N. Johnson, Former Administrator; Michael J. Robertson, Chief of Staff; and David E. Foley, Deputy Commissioner,

Public Buildings Service; and Daniel M. Tangherlini, Acting Administrator.

SPORTSMEN'S HERITAGE ACT OF 2012

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4089, the "Sportsmen's Heritage Act of 2012". The Committee granted, by voice vote, a structured rule providing one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of Rules Committee Print 112-19 and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those amendments printed in the Rules Committee report accompanying the resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

The rule further provides that the House-passed budget resolution shall have force and effect until the adoption of a conference report on the budget resolution. The rule provides that the reconciliation directives, provided in the House-passed budget resolution, to the Committee on Agriculture to be decreased by \$490 million and the directives to the Committee on Financial Services be increased by \$490 million for the period of fiscal years 2012 and 2013. Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Chairman Hastings (WA); Holt; Fleming; and Heinrich.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the following measures: H.R. 1460, to provide for automatic enrollment of veterans returning from combat zones into the VA medical system, and for other purposes; H.R. 3016, to direct the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to jointly operate the Federal Recovery Coordination Program, and for other purposes; H.R. 3245, the "Efficient Service for Veterans Act"; H.R. 3279, to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify that caregivers for veterans with serious illnesses are eligible for assistance and support

services provided by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3337, the "Open Burn Pit Registry Act of 2011"; H.R. 3723, the "Enhanced Veteran Healthcare Experience Act of 2011"; and H.R. 4079, the "Safe Housing for Homeless Veterans Act". Testimony was heard from the following Representatives: Owens; Barrow; Denham; Akin; Schilling; and McKinley; Robert L. Jesse, Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Health, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D255)

H.R. 4281, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a multiyear law reauthorizing such programs. Signed on March 30, 2012. (Public Law 112-102)

H.R. 473, to provide for the conveyance of approximately 140 acres of land in the Ouachita National Forest in Oklahoma to the Indian Nations Council, Inc., of the Boy Scouts of America. Signed on April 2, 2012. (Public Law 112-103)

H.R. 886, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the 225th anniversary of the establishment of the Nation's first Federal law enforcement agency, the United States Marshals Service. Signed on April 2, 2012. (Public Law 112-104)

S. 2038, to prohibit Members of Congress and employees of Congress from using nonpublic information derived from their official positions for personal benefit. Signed on April 4, 2012. (Public Law 112-105)

H.R. 3606, to increase American job creation and economic growth by improving access to the public capital markets for emerging growth companies. Signed on April 5, 2012. (Public Law 112-106)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 17, 2012

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, business meeting to markup proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2013 for Commerce, Justice, Science and related agencies, 2:30 p.m., SD-192.